Amendment in Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994

451. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued an Ordinance to amend the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act, 1994;

(b) if so, the salient features of the Ordinance and the purpose thereof;

(c) whether a section of medical practitioners has expressed grave reservations about some of its provisions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Deaths of infants in King George Medical College, Lucknow

452. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several infants had died due to failure of oxygen plant in King George Medical College, Lucknow and PM Office had asked for a report in the matter;

(b) if so, whether the report has been submitted;

(c) if so, the major features of the said report; and

(d) the action taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir. The death of the infants at Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit at King George Medical College, Lucknow was due to the serious primary condition of the patients and can not be attributed to lack of oxygen.

PM Office had asked for a status report on a news-item in this regard from the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Yes, Sir.